

CA9-2000-0038US1**REMARKS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004. Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled and Claims 2, 6-10 and 12-13 have been amended. Claims 3-5 and 14-17 remain in the application unchanged. The Examiner objected to Figure 1 as missing a Prior Art legend. The Examiner stated that a proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings is required and the objection would not be held in abeyance. Applicants have submitted a proposed drawing correction for Figure 1 adding the "Prior Art" legend. Applicants believe the proposed drawing correction overcomes the objection and ask that the objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 183(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants have carefully checked all claims for claimed features not shown in the drawings. Applicants were unable to identify any claimed features not shown in the claims, as amended. Applicants believe the amendment overcomes the objection and ask that the objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner objected to Claims 6-10 and 14 as containing informalities related to claim dependency and spacing between characters. Applicants have amended Claims 6-10 and 14 to overcome the objection. Applicants believe the amendment overcomes the objection and ask that the rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Markstein (U.S. Patent 5,631,859). The Examiner concluded that Markstein disclosed all the

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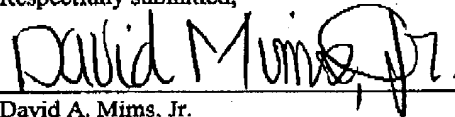
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elements of the claimed invention. Applicants have canceled Claims 1 and 11 rendering the rejection moot.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 2-4, 6-10, 12-13 and 15-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and that Claims 5 and 14 were allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants have rewritten Claims 2-4, 6-10, 12-13 and 15-17 in independent form. Applicants believe the Claims, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a timely notice of allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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